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Supervisors to Consider Appointment to LACSD Board of Directors

SAN BERNARDINO—Nov. 27, 2012—The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will consider the appointment of Lake Arrowhead resident Steve Keefe to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD) Board of Directors during its regular meeting on Dec. 4.

"As a former LACSD Board member, Mr. Keefe has knowledge and experience that will allow him to contribute to the Board on day one," said Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who convened a five-person panel to interview candidates and make a recommendation.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, Keefe would fill the vacancy created when Philip Butler resigned from the Board of Directors in September. The term expires in August 2013. The LACSD Board of Directors asked the Board of Supervisors to appoint someone to fill the vacancy after the Board of Directors did not reach a consensus on the appointment. By having the Board of Supervisors make the appointment, LACSD can avoid a costly special election to fill the short-term vacancy.

"My preference would be for voters to make this choice, but I appreciate LACSD's decision to request a Board of Supervisors appointment in light of the potential costs of holding a special election to fill a post that expires in August," Rutherford said.

The interview panel convened by Supervisor Rutherford included Rim of the World Recreation and Parks District General Manager Karen Reams, Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council Chairman Lawrence Mainez, former LACSD Board member Harvey Durand, Mountain District Representative Lewis Murray, and Second District Chief of Staff Chad Mayes. The other candidates interviewed for the position included Robert Renz, Jim Williamson, and Stan Sievers.

The LACSD provides water service to the Lake Arrowhead community and wastewater services to customers in Lake Arrowhead and surrounding communities. Today, the District serves approximately 7,800 water connections and 10,500 wastewater connections.